

REMARKS

As of this response, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5. No new matter is added for the amendments or the new claims.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner that the previously presented claim 1 is disclosed or taught in U.S. Pat. No. 3,263,699 to Ashley. Ashley teaches cap members releasably secured to frame members by screws in a system which may not be removed while the blades are engaged in cutting. However, Applicants amend claim 1 in this response to incorporate the limitation of dependent claim 5, an amendment which the August 7, 2008 Office Action stated would be allowable. Hence, Applicants submit that the rejections to claims 2-4, 6-9 and 37, all dependent from claim 1, also should be overcome.

The August 7, 2008 Office Action allowed claims 38-40.

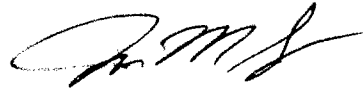
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments or needs any additional information, I invite the Examiner to contact me at the number listed below.

To the extent that fees may be required for this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JMS', is written over the printed name of James M. Singer.

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